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VOTING RECORD AND PERFORMANCE

REF: FREETOWN 3986

1. SIERRA LEONE DELEGATION PLAYED MODERATE ROLE AT GEN
CONF GENERALLY FOLLOWING ALONG WITH LIBERIA AND NIGERIA
IN SOLID SUPPORT OF POSITIONS TAKEN BY AFRICAN CAUCUS.
GENERALLY, AFRICAN CAUCUS VIEWS WERE COMPATIBLE WITH
AND OFTEN EVEN FAVORED US OBJECTIVES, AND IN THIS SENSE
SIERRA LEONE WAS HELPFUL TO US ON ISSUES OF MAJOR
POLITICAL IMPORTANCE. AT SAME TIME, DELEGATION
MAINTAINED LOW PUBLIC PROFILE, NEVER SPEAKING OUT ON
POLITICAL ISSUES OR, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION, TAKING
LEADING ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN AFRICAN CAUCUS
ITSELF. OWING TO CONFERENCE ROOM ARRANGEMENTS IT WAS
DIFFICULT TO COUNT SPECIFIC DELEGATION VOTES, AND THUS
WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT VOTE TALLIES FOR SIERRA LEONE AS
REQUESTED REFTEL.

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2. WE WOULD LIKE TO NOTE ELECTION OF DR. PORTER TO
EXECUTIVE BOARD. HE ENJOYS VERY GOOD REPUTATION AND
AFRICANS AND WEO'S ALIKE ARE EAGERLY ANTICIPATING HIS
ARRIVAL.
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